



Satellite image with enhanced low cloud-top temperatures (degrees C) for 7:15 a.m. EDT (NOAA)

### **Agricultural Weather Highlights - Tuesday - October 1, 2002**

- ***In the West***, rain and snow showers are developing across the ***Intermountain region***, while cool, dry air is overspreading the remainder of the region. Gusty winds are temporarily increasing the risk of the spread of wildfires across parts of ***California and the Southwest***.
- ***On the Plains***, warm weather and scattered showers are promoting winter wheat emergence across the ***southern half of the region***. In contrast, very cool weather persists on the ***northern Plains***, slowing winter wheat development. Today's high temperatures are forecast to remain below 50 degrees F in ***Montana*** but will approach 90 degrees F on the ***central and southern Plains***.
- ***In the Corn Belt***, warm weather favors summer crop drydown, while scattered showers are causing only minor harvest and winter wheat planting delays.
- ***In the South***, warm, mostly dry weather favors a gradual return to fieldwork in areas recently soaked by Tropical Storm Isidore. However, Hurricane Lili is bearing down on the ***central Gulf Coast region***. At 8 a.m. EDT, Lili was centered near the coast of ***Cuba's Isle of Youth***, packing maximum sustained winds near 85 m.p.h. and moving west-northwestward at 13 m.p.h.

**Outlook:** Dry weather will accompany above-normal temperatures across the ***Ohio and Tennessee Valleys*** and ***Mid-Atlantic States***. Farther west, a cold front will provide the focus for showers and thundershowers from the ***central and southern Plains*** to the ***upper Midwest***. Cool, showery weather will prevail in the ***Northwest***, while snow is possible in the ***central Rockies***. Meanwhile, Hurricane Lili is forecast to reach the ***central Gulf Coast region*** by late Thursday or early Friday. The NWS 6-10 day outlook for October 6-10 calls for wetter-than-normal conditions from the ***Plains to the Mississippi Valley***, while drier-than-normal weather is expected in the ***West Coast*** and in the ***southern Atlantic region***. Temperatures are expected to be below-normal across much of the ***western half of the U.S.***, while above-normal temperatures are forecast in the ***South and East***.

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